



October 19, 2013

Mr. Craig Tounget, Executive Director
City of Austin Independent Citizen's Redistricting Commission
811 Barton Springs Road, Suite 425
Austin, Texas 78704

Dear Mr. Tounget,

The Bouldin Creek Neighborhood Association (BCNA) supports the Compact Districts redistricting map, as it more accurately represents the common interests of the District 5 population as well as the mission of the Independent Citizens' Redistricting Commission.

BCNA does not presume to endorse this map's exact configurations for the other 9 districts however they do appear to more closely align with the commission's charges including:

1. Provide reasonably equal population with other districts
2. Comply with the federal Voting Rights Act
3. Provide geographically contiguous and compact districts
4. Respect the geographic integrity of local neighborhoods' along with their social and economic interests with minimum division
5. Do not include relationships with any political parties or candidates
6. Do not bypass nearby population areas
7. Encompass entire existing election precincts with their distinct geographical boundaries

BCNA urges the committee to incorporate the proposed district 5 configuration within the attached Compact Districts map. Please give thoughtful consideration to the map's other district configurations with appropriate input from those districts' resident organizations and the committee's defining ordinance.

Sincerely,

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President

Proposed Compact District Map for District 5

